

**MINUTES OF THE  
SCHOOL BUILDING LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE**  
Wednesday, July 16, 2004 – 9:00 a.m. – Room W20 House Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Howard Stephenson, Senate Chair  
Rep. James A. Ferrin, House Chair  
Sen. Karen Hale  
Rep. Ralph Becker  
Rep. D. Gregg Buxton  
Rep. David N. Cox  
Rep. David Litvack  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Gene Davis  
Sen. Sheldon Killpack  
Sen. David L. Thomas  
Rep. Mike Morley

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Dee S Larsen, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Glenda S. Whitney, Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present and a copy of materials can be found at <http://le.utah.gov> or by contacting the committee secretary, Glenda Whitney, at 538-1032.

**1. Task Force Business**

Rep. Ferrin called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. Rep. Morley was excused from attending the meeting.

No motion was taken on the minutes due to lack of a quorum.

Sen. Stephenson announced the formation of an ad hoc task force. Mr. Neal P. Stowe was asked to chair the ad hoc task force and report back to the School Building Legislative Task Force.

Mr. Neal P. Stowe, Architect and Planner, addressed the Task Force and answered questions.

**2. Point System for Awarding School Building Contracts**

Mr. Robert F. Babcock, Babcock, Scott & Babcock, explained procurement methods and criticized the subjective point system used by school districts in awarding contracts for the construction of school buildings.

**3. Best Practices and Practices to Avoid in Building Schools**

Mr. Brigham Latimer, Layton Construction, presented a Power Point presentation, "Best Practices and Practices to Avoid in Building Schools." His recommendations included use of: 1) the Construction Manager/General Contractor delivery method; 2) a value-based selection method; and 3) a pre-qualification process for contractors and major subcontractor trades.

Chair Ferrin asked Mr. Latimer to provide a copy of his presentation for the Task Force.

**4. Systems for School Buildings**

Mr. Don Mahoney and Mr. Daniel Cook, architects with DCA Group, made recommendations on systems for school buildings. Mr. Cook explained their process of production management and its

associated savings. A copy of the presentation, "Innovative Ways to Build Schools," was distributed to the Task Force.

## **5. School Building Design**

Mr. Stephen Sandstrom, architect with Sandstrom & Associates, discussed school construction costs and design issues.

Chair Ferrin took public comment.

Mr. Larry Newton, School Finance Director, Utah State Office of Education, commented on the importance of having an architect that is familiar with Utah's climate and the extreme temperature conditions when designing public buildings.

Mr. Dennis H. Cecchini, MHTN Architects, pointed out the strengths of the CM/GC (Construction Manager/General Contractor) process.

Mr. Steve Crane, VCBO Architecture, commented on delivery systems and the bidding process for CM/GC projects.

Mr. Gary Payne, School Facilities Administrator, Davis School District, commented on the selection of architects by Davis School District.

Mr. Ken Naylor, Naylor Wentworth Lund Architects, commented that the selection of an architect by a school district within the state is highly determined on the architect's ability to meet a budget. He spoke in favor of the CM/GC process.

Ms. Claudia Sealey, an educator who works with auxiliary services and new construction in Salt Lake City School District, suggested that the Task Force discuss how teaching and learning is changing and how school buildings might need to change in order to support the different ways of teaching and learning.

## **6. Other Items / Adjourn**

Chair Ferrin indicated the meetings scheduled for Friday, August 6, 2004 and Friday, August 20, 2004 are cancelled. The next meeting will be scheduled for Friday, August 13, 2004.

**MOTION:** Rep. Cox moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Ferrin adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.